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After hours

Coast Electric Power Association will host this month's Business After Hours from 5 p.m., until 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, in the Coast Electric Conference Center (behind the Main Street Shell Station).

The event is open Hancock County Chamber members and their guests. Admission is two business cards.

For more information contact the Chamber Offices at 467-9048.

Noise will cease

That "grumbling" noise coming from the new Wellman Plant at Hancock County's Port Bienville Industrial Park will soon cease.

That's the word coming from Plant Manager C.O. (Pete) Woody.

At Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, District 1 Supervisor Rocky Pullman, who lives in Pearl River County, questioned Port Executive Director Hal Walters about the noise emanating from the plastics manufacturing plant, which recently went on line.

Pullman said he had gotten several phone calls from residents complaining about the constant noise.

Walters told Pullman, the noise was coming "from the blow-down of boilers and the piping system," and was associated with the start-up of the plant.

"Rest assured that this noise will cease. It's very temporary," said Walters.

Woody also promised the noise was temporary and added, "We appreciate the public's patience at this time."

Tax help

AARP volunteers will be available to assist low to moderate income taxpayers with their 1998 tax returns on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Feb. 2 through April 13 at the Hancock County Public Library. The volunteers will assist taxpayers free of charge.

TIDES

WEEK OF 1-28-99

	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Thurs.	10:06 a.	3:06 p.	
Fri.	10:08 p.	3:56 a.	
Sat.	10:58 p.	9:44 a.	
Sun.	11:46 p.	10:30 a.	
Mon.		11:11 a.	
Tues.	12:31 a.	11:45 a.	
Wed.	1:12 a.	12:05 p.	
Thurs.	1:50 a.	12:02 p.	

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Resident urges consideration of other means

BY ED LEPOMA

A self-described "little, gray-haired grandma" told supervisors Monday it would be an "atrocious" to put a landfill in the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center.

Kathryn (Chickie) Knox, who said she was born in Hancock County, and just paid county and school taxes amounting to \$5,682 for farmland she owns in the county, was no stranger to the Board of Supervisors. Although she makes her home off Flat Top Road in Pearl River County, she had come before supervisors when it was first revealed that the Hancock County Regional Solid Waste Authority was looking at two buffer zone sites, one off Texas Flat Road and another off the Kiln-DeLisle Road.

She also appeared before the Authority once it voted to begin final negotiations with the developer who has proposed the 700-acre tract off Flat Top Road in Hancock County, but bordering Pearl River County.

Knox said she entitled her presentation to supervisors, "The three atrocities of our decade."

She said the O.J. trial was the first atrocity and the present Clinton impeachment trial, the second atrocity.

"The third atrocity is a matter which you have attempted to handle but found it best directed to a board of its own--the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority," said Knox. She claimed the Authority "is on a fast track of allowing a private landfill in the buffer zone."

She reminded supervisors that U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor issued a strong, three-page statement listing reasons why a landfill would be detrimental to the future of Hancock County and the Stennis Space Center.

"Are you willing to go on record for paving the way for corporate waste conglomerates to tell you what you can do or cannot do in your own county as our

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Junk everywhere

Managers of the Goodwill and General Dollar Store off Dunbar Avenue are trying to stop people from illegally dumping sofas, broken shelves and even household garbage behind their stores. Bay Police will increase patrols to try and catch the offenders. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Goodwill managers want illegal dumping stopped

BY ED LEPOMA

Managers of the Goodwill store and Dollar General off Dunbar Avenue are asking the public's help to stop illegal dumping behind their businesses.

The Echo visited the stores Tuesday and saw mounds of trash, including some household garbage tossed in several piles behind both stores. Goodwill recycles some items that are routinely donated, but some

of the old sofas, broken shelves and other debris were beyond repair.

Bob Campbell, Goodwill's Used Goods director, said dumping behind both stores "is an on-going problem." It happens in the day, it happens during the night mostly after business hours said Campbell.

Goodwill manager Arlene Conant said Bay St. Louis has offered to put on extra police patrols in attempts to catch the

illegal dumpers, but it is the store's responsibility to cart off the debris.

Conant said some of the debris is coming from the nearby Bay Point Apartments. "They pressure-washed the apartment this week," said Conant. "And, the contractor came right here and dumped his clorox bottles and other trash." She said she also found some mail

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Construction boom

A beehive of construction activity is taking place in Hancock County. At left, is the new Middle School taking shape behind the high school off Stennis International Parkway. The middle panel shows the frame of Hancock County's Equine and

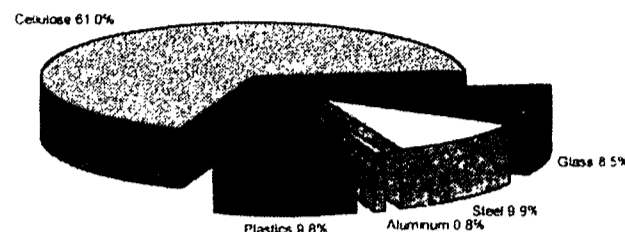


Livestock Facility going up on the Kiln-Picayune Road. The third panel shows Hancock County's new Elementary School, just across the road. (Echo staff photos by Ed Lepoma)



Recyclables

(USA Averages: Waste Age Magazine)



Cellulose 61.0% Glass 8.5% Steel 9.9% Aluminum 0.8% Plastics 9.8%

Meanwhile...

Alternative suggested to landfill proposal

BY ED LEPOMA

While supervisors in Hancock, Pearl River and Harrison counties ponder future landfill sites, a Harrison County resident is suggesting recycling household garbage.

Robyn Smith, who lives on

Herman Ladner Road in north Harrison County, came to supervisors Monday with an official of Recycling and Environmental Services, Inc., in tow.

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Supers support casino project

BY ED LEPOMA

At least four supervisors supporting South Beach property owners who want to put a casino/resort complex running from Sand Bayou to Bay Caddy.

Attorney Vic Franckiewicz Jr. came before supervisors Monday on behalf of Jim Maness and 10 to 12 owners of a 259-acre tract of land fronting the beach. Last December, Chancery Court Judge Thomas sided with environmentalists and citizens group opposing the casino.

He ordered the Commission on Marine Resources to rehear the group's request for an adjustment to the Coastal Use Plan in order to accommodate the developers, but later in December, the CMR took no action on the Maness petition.

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Waveland joins Workfare program

BY BETSY GAGNET

The City of Waveland may soon be getting some extra manpower on city projects.

Waveland has signed on to participate in the Mississippi Department of Human (MDHS) Services Food Stamp Employment and Training Program.

The program is part of Food Stamp Workfare under which certain food stamp recipients are required to perform work in public or private non-profit agencies in order to maintain eligibility for the food coupons.

Able-bodied persons without dependents are only eligible for three months of food stamps in a three-year period, explained Hancock County Department of Human Services Employment and Training Case Manager Heather Baughman.

After the three months stamps are received, the recipient must either participate in the workfare program or forfeit eligibility.

The city, referred to as the "Workfare Site Manager," supervises participants, providing training, equipment and materials. Monthly attendance reports and performance evaluations are provided to MDHS.

The city will incur no cost under the program. All workers compensation insurance and transportation expenses are paid by MDHS.

Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo is optimistic about the city's participation in the program, hoping it may help alleviate some of the rising costs associated with the program.

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Drug search

Officers from the Long Beach Canine Unit assist the Hancock County Narcotics Task Force Unit and school officials with search of Hancock High School Tuesday, Jan. 6. The district conducts spontaneous searches as outlined in school policies. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)